

REMARKS

Claim Objections

Claim 58 was objected to because paragraphs 2 and 3 started with capital letters.

These errors have been corrected.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 53-57 and 59 were rejected for being anticipated by EP 0976627.

Claims 53-57 and 59 have been canceled.

Note

Although the Office Action states that claims 1-52 are allowed (and claim 58 after correction), Applicant assumes that the allowed claims are claims 31-52 (and claim 58 after correction) because claims 1-30 were canceled in the preliminary amendment and replaced with claims 31-59.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that, since the rejected claims were canceled and the claim objected to was amended, the present application is in proper shape for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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